

A Review of Supply Chain Initiatives Supporting High Value Manufacturing in Scotland

Optimat and **Ceed** are currently undertaking a study, on behalf of **Scottish Enterprise**, relating to the Supply Chains and Competitiveness (SCC) workstream of **Making Scotland's Future: A Recovery Plan for Manufacturing**.

The aim of this study is to enhance Scottish Enterprise's understanding of the High Value Manufacturing (HVM) supply chain support infrastructure in Scotland and, as a result, identify how best to optimise initiatives, projects and activities (referred to as actions below) to support HVM supply chain development in Scotland.

The specific objectives of this piece of work are to:

- Identify supply chain actions, both current and in development, supporting HVM in Scotland
- Identify any actions that could be deemed duplication
- Identify any gaps in current provision
- Make recommendations for potential interventions to address both duplication and gaps in provision

There are a number of ways in which HVM supply chains can be supported. These include, but are not limited to:

- Business and/or market development
- Diversification, offering access to new supply chains
- Innovation, such as the adoption of innovative manufacturing technologies
- Investment, either in the form of capital or operational funding
- Quality systems development or accreditation to specific systems
- Manufacturing and/or innovation facilities
- Collaboration
- Skills and training

We recognise that some programmes / organisations will have a wide-ranging remit but will focus on a specific sector whilst others will have quite a narrow remit but will be multi-sectoral.

We have already identified what we believe to be the main initiatives in Scotland and now want to obtain the input of the Ceed community to gain constructive assessment of our findings to date, to discuss the key challenges for the sector - now and in the future - and gather your views on how supply chain support actions could/should be developed.

We have organised two workshops in September 2021 and would like to invite you to contribute to this exercise. We realise that is time out of your busy schedule, but we would really appreciate your contribution:

- 16 September, 10am – 12 noon
- 23 September, 10am – 12 noon

To join one of the two scheduled workshops, please register via the below links:

Workshop 1 - [September 16th](#)

Workshop 2 - [September 23rd](#)

If you are unable to attend but still want to contribute, please get in touch and we will contact you with a questionnaire asking you to comment on:

- The completeness of the draft database of supply chain initiatives provided for review
- Any supply chain initiatives that you are aware of that have not been listed
- Any supply chain initiatives that are under development but have not yet been launched
- Any overlaps / duplication between current / future supply chain actions and how any duplication might be addressed, if appropriate
- Which initiatives are having the biggest positive impact on the development of the HVM supply chains
- Any theme- or sector-specific support actions that have been particularly successful and which could potentially be deployed more widely
- Any gaps in supply chain support or the identification of any opportunities for further development
- The need to develop / scale up support actions to address future growth in activity

If you require any additional information about the workshops then please do not hesitate to contact:

- Patrick McCarthy at Ceed - P.McCarthy@CeeD-Scotland.com
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We do hope you can join us.

Regards,

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